

REMARKS

The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action of May 15, 2003.

In response to the requirement for addition to the drawings to illustrate the snap fastener component and the hook and loop fastener, submitted herewith are two sheets of revised drawings with new Figures 8 and 9 added, showing respectively a cross-sectional view of the snap fastener and the hook and loop fastener. Section line 8-8 is shown in Figure 6 and section line 9-9 is shown in Figure 3. Approval of the drawings and substitution thereof for the original drawings, are respectfully requested. The Annotated Sheets Showing Changes are marked in red ink for ease of examination.

The specification has been amended at page 4 to add the descriptions of new Figures 8 and 9; and minor changes were made at pages 5-6.

The term "vehicle sides" in Claims 1, 10, 11, 18 and 19 has been changed to "vehicle side surfaces" in response to the claim objections.

Regarding the rejection under Sec. 112 of Claims 1, 5-6, 10-15, 18 and 19, the fastener means detachably secure a second end portion of the elastic strap to a second shield pad when rolled, as shown in Figure 6, securement being effected by the snap fastener now shown in cross-section in Figure 8 or by hook and loop fastener arrangement now shown in Figure 9. The two panels are so rolled up that end portions of the panels lie on top of each other. It will be clear that the elastic strap is connected to both panels. It is respectfully suggested that the Sec. 112 objection be withdrawn.

Applicant urges that the essential structure and cooperation was set forth and is clear from the specification and drawings. The elastic strap 25 detachably secures the second end portion of the elastic strap to a second shield pad, after the two shield pads, while in general registration, are rolled together into the rolled configuration or position of Figure 6. In the Examiner's terms, the two panels "lay on top of each other". Thus, the elastic strap is connected to both panels, as shown in Figure 6 as by snap-fasteners or hook and loop fasteners with portions on the pads and on an end portion of the elastic strap, as described at page 3 of the specification.

Claims 1, 5, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC 103 on Spears in view of Huard. The claims relate to the locations of fastener components, straps, shield pads, etc. which enable securement and rolling up together of shield pads. The cited references do not suggest the advantageous combinations defined by these respective claims. It is believed that these claims make clear the manner in which the fastener means detachably secure a second end portion of the strap to a second shield pad when in rolled configuration, as indicated in Figures 3, 5, 8 and 9, which make clear the manner in which the panels are "rolled" to lay on top of each other.

Claim 19 has been amended to add the limitation regarding the shield pads and suction cups being adapted and arranged for attachment to an interior surface of a vehicle windshield to serve as a sunshade. The allowance of Claim 19 is respectfully solicited.

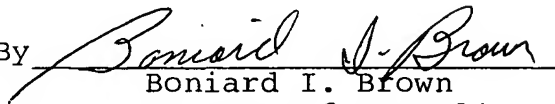
These claims are respectfully urged to be allowable, as amended, and in view of the remarks in the Amendment After Final Rejection of February 2003.

It is believed that the foregoing is fully responsive to the May 15, 2003 Office Action, and that Claims 1, 5, 6, 10-15, 18 and 19 as amended, are allowable. It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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